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SONIC AND SALLY WERE STROLLIN' THROUGH THE WOODS ONE DAY...

SIGH
I'M BORED,
SALLY!

THINGS HAVE
BEEN QUIET
LATELY!

AND YOU SAY
THAT LIKE IT'S A
BAD THING.

I KNOW...I
SHOULD BE
GRATEFUL,
BUT--

--WHAT? A
ZONE
PORTAL?

SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG--

--YOU
ARE UNDER
ARREST!

WHADDA YOU MEAN, I'M
UNDER ARREST?

I HAVEN'T
DONE
NUTHIN'!

WHERE ARE
YOU TAKING--
OOOOWW!

SAVE IT FOR THE
J.U.D.G.E. ...

BUT I'M
INNOCENT--

LAW OF THE LAND

PART I

LEGAL HASSLE!

—CENT!

JEEPERS!
WHERE AM I?

WELCOME BACK
TO LITIGOPOLIS,
SONIC!—

—TIME FOR
YOU TO FACE
THE MUSIC!

BUT, I TOLD YA,
I DIDN'T DO
NUTHIN'!

YEAH,
RIGHT...

YOU'VE
BEEN CHARGED
WITH A CLASS
DOUBLE-OMEGA
ZETA PRIME
DOOKL OFFENSE,
MISTER!

HUH?

EXTREME MENTAL
ANGLISH AND PERMANENT
EMOTIONAL SCARRING!

YA GOTTA
BE JOKING...



THE CASTLE ? KING ACORN IS THE JUDGE ?

KING ACORN ? HE'S SERVING LIFE PLUS ONE THOUSAND YEARS FOR RULER MALPRACTICE.

THIS IS THE CENTRAL CHAMBERS FOR THE JUDGE--



"...THE JUDGMENTAL UNRELENTING DIGITIZED GOVERNMENT ENFORCER !"

JUDGE

WE'LL... I SEE WE'VE CAUGHT YOU AT LAST!

YES, YOUR SUPREME LEGALNESS. IT'S ABOUT TIME YOUR ECHIDNA COPS FOUND THIS FUGITIVE!

SNIVELY ?

THAT'S JOHNNY SNIVELY, OR MR. SNIVELY, TO YOU!



MY CASE AGAINST YOU IS SO OPEN AND SHUT, YOU WON'T HAVE A PRAYER IN COURT!

BUT I KEEP TELLIN'YA--I'M INNOCENT!

THAT'S WHAT THEY ALL SAY!

BUT I BELIEVE HIM!



SALLY MCACORN FOR THE DEFENSE, YOUR HONOR!

IS IT JUST ME, OR DOES SHE GET CUTER EACH TIME I GO EGG HOPPING?



TEN HOURS LATER...

BOY, IT SURE TOOK A LONG TIME TO GET ME OUT ON BAIL!

ACTUALLY, IT WENT QUICKER THAN IT NORMALLY DOES...

I'LL TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT!



THE LAWS ARE TOUGH WHERE I COME FROM, BUT THIS IS TOO MUCH!

HOW'D THINGS GET LIKE THIS, SALLY?

IT STARTED OUT INNOCENTLY ENOUGH...



"CRIME HAD ALWAYS BEEN BAD IN LITIGOPOLIS--

"--AND NO ONE REALLY RESPECTED THE LAW OR THE POLICE ...

STOP! HEY, YOU, STOP!

"SO, KING ACORN DECIDED THAT THE LAWS HAD TO GET TOUGHER ...



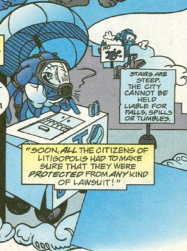
YOU TWO KNOW THE PENALTY FOR ROBBERY -- FIFTY YEARS IN JAIL!



"BUT, AS THE LAWS GOT MORE STRICT FOR REAL CRIMINALS, SO DID THE LAWS FOR EVERYONE ELSE!

THAT'S RIGHT, OFFICER! HIS HOT DOG BURNED MY TONGUE! I WANNA SUE!

B-b-but...



STAIRS ARE STEEP. THE CITY CANNOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR FALLS, SPILLS OR TUMBLES.

"SOON, ALL THE CITIZENS OF LITIGOPOLIS HAD TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY WERE PROTECTED FROM ANY KIND OF LAWSUIT!"

"EVENTUALLY, KING ACORN HIRED
ROBOTNIK ENTERPRISES
TO BUILD THE J.U.D.G.E.~"

--A SUPER-COMPUTER SPECIFICALLY
DESIGNED TO ENFORCE ALL THE NEW LAWS
AND KEEP UP WITH ALL THE LAWSUITS...

"BUT, ONCE THE J.U.D.G.E. WAS
BROUGHT ON LINE, HE TOOK OVER
THE GOVERNMENT COMPLETELY!

"BEFORE ANYONE COULD STOP IT,
ALL THE POLICE WERE REPLACED
WITH ECHIDNA TROOPERS--"

"--AND PUT KING ACORN IN JAIL FOR NOT BEING
ABLE TO LOWER THE CRIME RATE SOONER!"

NOW THINGS HAVE
GOTTEN SO STRICT, THAT SOME
PEOPLE DON'T EVEN LEAVE
THEIR HOUSES!

THEY'RE JUST TOO
AFRAID THAT SOMEONE WILL
SUE THEM, OR THEY'LL BREAK
ONE OF THE J.U.D.G.E.'S
NEW LAWS!

IF THINGS ARE
SO BAD, WHY HASN'T
ANYONE TRIED TO
TURN THE J.U.D.G.E.
OFF?

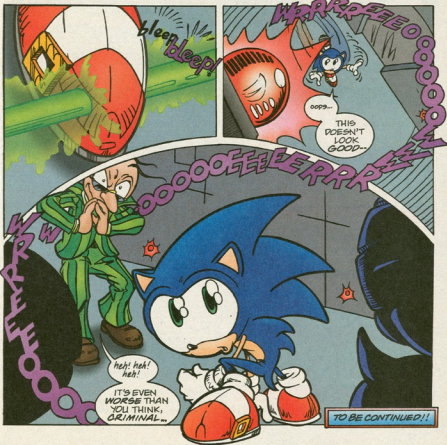
EVERYONE'S TOO
SCARED OF THE ECHIDNA
COPS AND WHAT WILL
HAPPEN TO THEM IF THEY
GET CAUGHT!

THERE JUST ISN'T
ANYONE BRAVE ENOUGH IN
LITIGOPOLIS TO DO IT!

WELL,
THEN--

--I GUESS
IT'S UP TO
ME!

NO, SONIC!
WAIT!



LAW OF THE LAND

PART TWO

BAD BOYS, BAD BOYS... WHATCHA GONNA DO?

"STOP HIM! STOP..."

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

"THIS WHOLE THING IS
ONE BIG MISTAKE!"

"I MEAN, I DIDN'T EVEN COMMIT
THE CRIME THOSE TWO ECHIDNA
COPS GRABBED ME FOR!"

"BUT THAT DIDN'T
MATTER TO THEM. THEY
JUST DRAGGED ME
HERE TO THE ZONE
OF LITIGOPOLIS--"

"--WHERE THE
J.U.D.G.E.'s
COMPUTER
RULES INSTEAD
OF KING
ACORN!"

"NOW THE ONLY
FRIEND I
HAVE HERE IS
MY LAWYER,
SALLY
MCACORN--"

"--BECAUSE EVERYONE ELSE IS TOO
AFRAID THEY'LL GET SUED OR
BREAK ONE OF THE J.U.D.G.E.'s
UNFAIR LAWS!"



UH-OH! THOSE
COPS ARE STARTING TO
GAIN ON ME!

SALLY WAS RIGHT...
I SHOULD'VE REALIZED
THAT THE J.L.D.G.E. WOULD
HAVE A SECURITY SYSTEM
BEFORE I TRIED TO TAKE
IT DOWN!

STOP HIM!
HE'S GETTING
AWAY!

HATE TO TURN
TAIL AND RUN, BUT
THESE GUYS HAVE ME
OUTNUMBERED!

GOTTA TURN
ON THE
SPEED!

ZANK!

ZOTT! ZAAAA!

I'M SORRY, MR. SNIVELY
-- SONIC GOT AWAY!

NO MATTER,
LIEUTENANT
KNUCKLES...

IT'S ONLY A
MATTER OF TIME BEFORE
WE'VE RECAPTURED HIM.
AFTER ALL--

"--IT'S NOT LIKE HE HAS
MANY PLACES TO HIDE!"

WHILE I'M GLAD
THE COPS DIDN'T
CAPTURE YOU--

--YOU'VE ONLY MADE
THE CASE AGAINST YOU
EVEN WORSE!

BUT I'M
INNOCENT,
SALLY--

I KNOW
THAT!

AND THIS
VIDEO TAPE IS
THE PROOF!

SINCE CRIMINAL TRIALS
AND LAWSUITS HAVE BECOME
SUCH A PART OF DAILY LIFE
HERE IN LITIGOPOLIS--

--THERE ARE
COUNTLESS AMATEUR
CAMERA PEOPLE OUT
THERE RECORDING
ANYTHING THAT MIGHT
BE A CRIME IN
PROGRESS!

THAT'S EVIL SONIC!

THAT BUM!
SOME WAS THE
ONE WHO DID THE
CRIMES I
WAS ARRESTED
FOR!

SONIC
WAS HERE

HE ESCAPED
THROUGH A *SOME*
PORTAL THAT CLOSED
UP BEHIND HIM. @ IT
TOOK SOME TIME BUT
J.L.D.G.E. RECREATED
IT AND--

--THEY CAUGHT
UP WITH ME
INSTEAD!

THAT'S RIGHT!
IT'S A CLEAR CASE
OF MISTAKEN
IDENTITY!

AND THIS NEW
EVIDENCE WOULD
HAVE CLEARED
YOUR NAME--

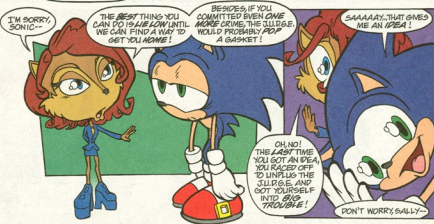


--IF YOU HADN'T TRIED
TO MAKE THE J.L.D.G.E.'S
CHAMBERS!



NOW YOU'LL BE
TRIED FOR HIGH
TREASON!

BUT
THERE'S GOTTA
BE SOMETHING
WE CAN DO!



I'M SORRY,
SONIC--

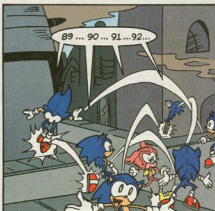
THE *BEST* THING YOU
CAN DO IS *LIE LOW* UNTIL
WE CAN FIND A WAY TO
GET YOU HOME!

BESIDES, IF YOU
COMMITTED EVEN *ONE*
MORE CRIME, THE J.L.D.G.E.
WOULD PROBABLY POP
A GASKET!

SAAAAAY... THAT GIVES
ME AN IDEA!

OH, NO!
THE LAST TIME
YOU GOT AN IDEA,
YOU RACED OFF
TO UNPLUG THE
J.L.D.G.E. AND
GOT YOURSELF
INTO BIG
TROUBLE!

DON'T WORRY, SALLY--



"...G00000000D!"

KRA-KA- BOOOOM!

AHHHEEEEEEE!

HA! I KNEW IF I CAUSED
ENOUGH TROUBLE, I'D OVERLOAD
THAT COMPUTER TYRANT!

HOLD IT
RIGHT THERE,
CRIMINAL!

YOU'RE
UNDER-

AW, PUT A SOCK
IN IT!

Oooow!

WOW!
THANKS!

WHERE'D
YOU LEARN
HOW TO DO
THAT?

WELL, A GIRL'S GOTTA KNOW
HOW TO DEFEND HERSELF...



PROLOGUE

SOMETIMES NO MATTER
WHAT YOU *DO*, IT'S
NEVER ENOUGH!

TAKE MY SITUATION. I'M
RUNNING FOR MY LIFE—

--AND I HAVEN'T A *CLUE*
ONE FROM WHAT!

AS FOR *WHERE* I
SHOULD RUN, ALL I
COME UP WITH IS—

-- IS ANYWHERE
BUT HERE!

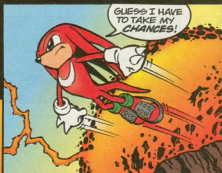


I'M
RUNNING OUT
OF FLOORSPACE--
FAST!



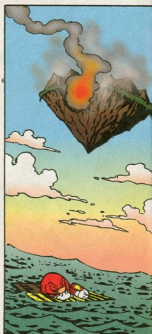
IT
FIGURES!
WE'RE
OVER AN
OCEAN!

HECKLIVA
CHOICE--GET
ZAPPED OR
DROWN!



GUESS I HAVE
TO TAKE MY
CHANCES!





I KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE THINKING.

HOW DID YOURS
TRULY END UP
IN THE SOUP
LIKE THIS?

HONEST ANSWER:
I'M NOT SURE.

MAYBE IT BEGAN AT THE
WEDDING OF MY MOM TO
HER FIANCE, WYNNACHER.

I NOW
PROCLAIM YOU
ECHIDNA AND
SPOUSE!
YOU MAY NOW
KISS THE BRIDE,
WYNNACHER!

KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA INI

BEST of times
WORST OF TIMES

CHAPTER 1

DAD AND I WEREN'T WILD
OVER MOM REMARRYING,
BUT WYN WASN'T A BAD GUY—



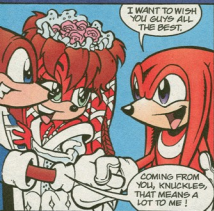


-- AND IF HE MADE HER HAPPY,
WHO WERE WE TO **COMPLAIN**?



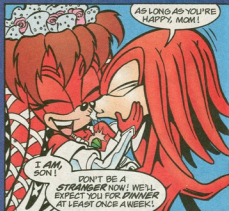
DON'T
THEY MAKE
A **HAPPY**
COUPLE?

I GUESS.



I WANT TO WISH
YOU GUYS ALL
THE BEST.

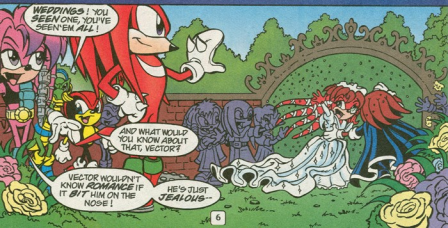
COMING FROM
YOU, KNUCKLES,
THAT MEANS A
LOT TO ME!



AS LONG AS YOU'RE
HAPPY, MOM!

I AM,
SON!

DON'T BE A
STRANGER NOW! WE'LL
EXPECT YOU FOR **DINNER**
AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK!



WEDDINGS! YOU
SEEN ONE, YOU'VE
SEEN 'EM ALL!

AND WHAT WOULD
YOU KNOW ABOUT
THAT, VECTOR?

VECTOR WOULDN'T
KNOW **ROMANCE** IF
IT **BIT** HIM ON THE
NOSE!

HE'S JUST
JEALOUS--



—'CAUSE
KNUCKLES
HAS ME!



IN YOUR DREAMS!
I'D SAY THE EVIDENCE
FAVORS JULIE-SUN
THIS ONE, VECTOR!

LOOKS LIKE WEDDINGS
BRING OUT THE SPIRIT IN
EVERYONE!

CHECK OUT THE
CONSTABLE!



CONSTABLE
REMINGTON!
GREAT TO SEE
YOU!

I WOULDN'T MISS
THIS FOR ANYTHING,
GUARDIAN!

ALLOW ME TO
INTRODUCE MY FRIEND,
KOMI-KO!



OH, DRAT!
I TOLD THEM
NOT TO PACE ME
UNLESS IT WAS
IMPORTANT!

BEEP!
BEEP!
BEEP!



THIS IS
REMINGTON!
GO AHEAD!

SO, HOW
DID YOU AND THE
CONSTABLE MEET,
KOMI-KO?



BLAST! IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH
TO MUCK UP A GOOD PARTY!

I'M SORRY, BUT I
HAVE TO GO!

DO YOU
NEED ANY
HELP?

"I'LL SIGNAL IF I DO!"



GRANDFATHER MATHIAS!

IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE YOU WERE LAST HERE!

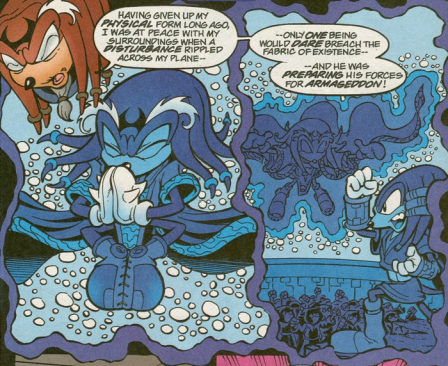
I HOPE I HAVEN'T KEPT YOU WAITING!

EVEN IF YOU HAD, THE CONCEPT OF TIME IS IRRELEVANT TO ONE SUCH AS I!

UNFORTUNATELY, THE SAME CAN'T BE SAID FOR THE REST OF YOU!

I HOPE I
HAVEN'T KEPT YOU
WAITING!

UNFORTUNATELY, THE SAME CAN'T BE SAID FOR THE REST OF YOU!



HAVING GIVEN UP MY
PHYSICAL FORM LONG AGO,
I WAS AT PEACE WITH MY
SURROUNDINGS WHEN A
DISTURBANCE RIPPLED
ACROSS MY PLANE--

--ONLY *ONE* BEING
WOULD *DARE* BREACH THE
FABRIC OF EXISTENCE--

--AND HE WAS
PREPARING HIS FORCES
FOR ARMAGEDDON!



MY
BRETHREN,
DIMITRI!
WILL UNLEASH
HIS *DARK*
FORCES UPON
THE INNOCENT
UNLESS ACTION IS
TAKEN!



WHAT SAY
YOU ALL?

AYE!

THIS IS
THE LIFE, EH,
GUYS?

SPEAK FOR
YOURSELF,
M'MAN!

CROCS WERE
NOT MADE TO ROCK
ON FOUR-LEGGED
NAGS!

BEST of times
WORST OF TIMES
CHAPTER 2

I PITY THE
PASHA CARRYING
YOU, VECTOR!
HER FEELINGS
ARE PROBABLY
MUTUAL!

I KNOW IT'S NOT
LIKE WE DON'T DESERVE
A BREAK EVERY NOW AND
THEN, KNUCKLES--

--BUT DO YOU
THINK WE SHOULD
HAVE ASSISTED THE
CONSTABLE?

HARD TO SAY,
ESPY!

HE'LL
GIVE A
HOLLER
IF HE HAS
TO!

YOU ARE ENTITLED TO RELAX
ONCE IN A BLUE MOON, Y'KNOW.
LEARN TO ENJOY
LIFE A BIT,

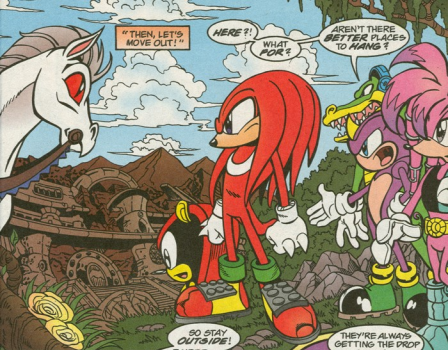
EVEN IF IT
KILLS YOUR
TUCKUS?

ESPECIALLY
IN YOUR CASE,
VECTOR!

ON SECOND
THOUGHT--







"THEN, LET'S
MOVE OUT!"

HERE?!

WHAT
FOR?

AREN'T THERE
BETTER PLACES
TO HANG?



YOU THINK
WE'LL FIND DIMITRI'S
BULLY BOYS
IN THERE?

SO STAY
OUTSIDE!
I NEED
TO CHECK OUT
SOMETHING!



THEY'RE ALWAYS
GETTING THE DROP
ON US!

I'D LIKE TO SEE
IF I CAN **RETURN**
THE FAVOR!

I DOUBT IF
ANYONE'S IN
THERE **NOW!**



THEN AGAIN, I THOUGHT THE SAME
THING UNTIL I DISCOVERED MY
STEP-FATHER WHO DIS-
APPEARED SOON
AFTERWARD.²

² CHECK OUT THE JULIE-SU STORY
IN SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #11
FOR DETAILS--JUSTIN.



YEAH, WELL--

--WE WON'T
LEARN A THING
TWIDDLING
OUR THUMBS OUT
HERE!

"C'MON!"

THEY'RE
HERE?! AT THE **GRAND
CONSERVATORY**?!

WHAT BETTER A
HIDING PLACE THAN WHERE
WE STORED OUR **RENOUNCED
TECHNOLOGY**?

HIGHLY
APPROPRIATE,
IN A **WARPED** KIND
OF WAY!

DIMITRI
WAS ALWAYS
ONE TO GO AGAINST
AUTHORITY!

IT'S TIME
HE WERE TAKEN
DOWN A PEG!

HOLD IT
RIGHT THERE,
BUP!

TAKE
ONE MORE
MOVE AND
IT'LL BE YOUR
LAST!

BAAM!

DO YOU
HAVE ANY IDEA
WHO YOU'RE
DEALING WITH
HERE?

THAT IDIOT
SPECTRE! HE'S MAKING
IT **PERSONAL**!

MOBILIS TO
SOJOURNER--WHAT A
NEWS BULLETIN
THAT WAS!

HIS **MOTIVES** ARE
INCONSEQUENTIAL!

WHAT MATTERS
IS WE STAY **LIMITED** TO
THE TASK AT HAND!



CHAPTER 3

HERE YOU GO, MY GOOD MAN!

OH, WYN--

AFTER ALL--



"--WE HAVE ALL THE
TIME IN THE WORLD!"

SINCE THE
TREACHEROUS ECHIDNA
REFUSE TO TAKE US
SERIOUSLY--

--WE'LL GIVE
THEM MORE THAN ENOUGH
REASONS BEFORE WE'RE
THROUGH!

EVERYONE
SET? THEN, LET'S
MOVE OUT!



HE
HAD HIS
CHANCE--

WHAT ABOUT
REMINGTON?

--BESIDES, HE'S MERELY
A HIRED FLUNKY!

SAFETY'S
OFF!

UPON MY
COMMAND--





"--I CAN CONVINCE VON STRYKER
TO COME TO HIS SENSES!"

WHAT
EXACTLY ARE
YOU LOOKING
FOR?

I'M NOT
SURE--

JULIE-SU!!



SAY, KNUX, I
KNEW COMING HERE
WASN'T SUCH A
GREAT IDEA!

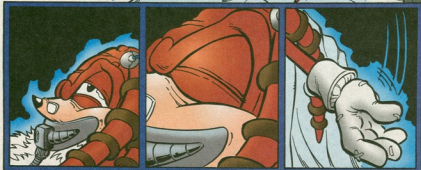
CAN IT,
VECTOR!



RIGHT NOW
WE BUST SOME
HEADS--



--AND GET JULIE-SU!



BEST of times
WORST OF TIMES
CHAPTER 4



I SHOULD
HAVE ORDERED HER
TERMINATION WHILE
I STILL HAD THE
CHANCE!





--WHEN HE MARRIED
THAT HALF-WIT THAT GAVE
BIRTH TO YOU!

THROW HER
INSIDE WITH
THE REST OF THE
GARBAGE!



JULIE-SU!

OOOF!!



AT LEAST YOU'RE
SAFE AND SOUND,
HONEY!

I WAS SO
AFRAID THEY'D
DO WORSE!



WHO SAYS WE
WON'T?

YOU'D BETTER
PRAY I'M NOT THE
ONE WHO GETS
TO DECIDE YOUR
FATE!



I STILL SAY WE SHOULD
HAVE LEFT HER BACK ON
THE ISLAND!



JULIE-SU IS AS MUCH
A PART OF MY
FAMILY AS YOU ARE,
MORTORI REX!

AND NOW THAT WE
HAVE EVERYONE
TOGETHER--

--IT'S TIME TO
CARRY OUT THE NEXT
PHASE OF OUR PLAN!

"ACTIVATE THE *QUANTUM BEAM*!"



GET
OUT OF THE
WAY!

WHAT KIND
OF DIABOLICAL
ECHIDNA TRICK
IS THIS?



STAND FIRM--



HEY!!



WHAT THE...?



THEY PULLED A FAST ONE!

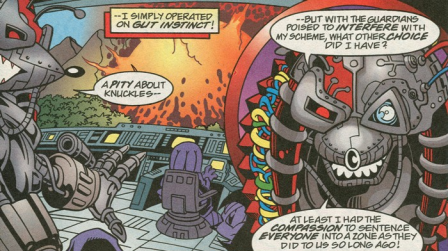


I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THE DARK LEGION WOULD DO WHATEVER IT TAKES--



--EVEN IF THEY HAD TO SACRIFICE THEIR OWN TO DO SO!

AS FOR ME--



--I SIMPLY OPERATED
ON GUT INSTINCT!

A PITY ABOUT
KNUCKLES--

--BUT WITH THE GUARDIANS
POISED TO INTERFERE WITH
MY SCHEME, WHAT OTHER CHOICE
DID I HAVE?

AT LEAST I HAD THE
COMPASSION TO SENTENCE
EVERYONE INTO A ZONE AS THEY
DID TO US SO LONG AGO!

NOW THE MAIN OBSTACLE
TO ACHIEVING OUR GOAL
HAS BEEN REMOVED--





THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES IN THE
PAGES OF SONIC #88, AS WE AND
KNUCKLES EMBARK ON...

THE ROAD TO ALBION

SONIC GRAMS

SPECIAL

This Just In!

How does it feel to think you are the last of your kind your whole life? Then you find out you're not the last of your people but that your family is alive and well. You are no longer alone. You've become part of a society that's been deprived of you. And fit in better than you ever thought you could. Suddenly, in the blink of an eye, your life has changed in drastic ways and you lose all that you have gained. Everyone is gone. Just like that. And you don't know the first thing about being able to bring them back. You are alone, once again. How would that make you feel? If you can even imagine it, then you feel a little bit of what Knuckles feels right now.

Let's follow Knuckles as he begins a new crusade. This time it's not for a sword or for knowledge. This time it's to get back the life he never thought he could have! Join him and give him your love and support. He's going to need it. Knuckles' crusade begins in Sonic The Hedgehog #88.

Catch you on the flip side!



FOOTNOTE REFERENCES:

- Law of the Land-**
1) J.U.D.G.E. stands for
Judgmental Unrelenting Digitized
Government Enforcer.
2) See SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #10.
3) Remember him? Last time we
saw him was in
SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #12

- The Best of Times...
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1) Check out the Julie-Su story in
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